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Duty of Christian Churches to Exterminate Evil—Baltimore Specialist Says Segregation Is Not Way to Handle Problem.

In an address poignant with directness and lacking in all the elements of euphemism, Dr. Howard A. Kelly, of Baltimore, speaking in St. Paul's Episcopal Church last night, delivered an indictment of the Christian churches as being chiefly responsible for latter-day wrongs against the laws of God, and characterized the social evil as the greatest menace to modern civilization.

"There is going on within us," he said, "in all our larger cities, day in and day out, week in and week out, and, say, year in and year out, that which is worse than all the loss of lives in war. And who is the criminal?" he asked. "It is asked of you, for did not Christ say that sinning women would enter the kingdom of heaven, before publicans and sinners?" And I tell you that the greatest crime of all is the crime of indifference on the part of the Christian peoples. Crime, poverty and the saloon, he characterized as the trinity of evil.

EMINENT SPECIALIST

SPEAKS AT ST. PAUL'S

Dr. Kelly is one of the most eminent men in the medical profession, and is a specialist on radiotherapy in Johns Hopkins Hospital. Though he had spoken to a large crowd in the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon, a still larger audience heard him in St. Paul's last night. Men of all professions were there, and at least half the congregation consisted of women. Delivering himself in easy style, and without mincing his words, Dr. Kelly produced a profound impression, and his address was followed with marked attention. He was introduced by Rev. W. Russell Bowie, D. D., rector, as a man who was as much interested in the spiritual welfare of men as in their bodies, and the familiarity of the speaker with the Scriptures and with the evils of modern social life impressed the audience as bearing out Dr. Kelly's characterization.

Dr. Kelly took as his subject, "The Obligation Resting Upon All Men to Promote Civic Happiness," and in following out the theme he had set himself, said that the duty of reclaiming souls to the salvation offered by the sacrifice of Christ was an obligation resting upon every man and woman. After reviewing the rise and downfall of the Jews as a nation, Dr. Kelly said that every nation has some peculiar work to do, and that God is trying us out now.

DUTY AS A NATION

LIES PLAINLY BEFORE US

"Every nation," he said, "imagines that it is to last forever, and how often we hear that we are destined to last forever, and that we are to spread our power and influence all over the world. But it is only necessary to point out to you the history of Assyria, Babylon, Rome and Greece to show you the fallacy of that idea. We have our duty to perform, and that duty is plainly before us.

"God put us here, with all the opportunities, to call the Christian religion, in order that we may divide between good and evil. The Jews of old had the light of God's presence to guide them, but we live in the day in which God has spoken to us through His Son, and how much more important is it now to listen to Him. But our sins are greater, as our light is greater, than in the time that Christ died of a broken heart on the cross.

"There is a battlefield plainly before you. It is in the segregated district. We have such a district in Baltimore, but we are cleaning it up, and you can do it better than we.

TELLS WHAT CHURCHES

ARE DOING IN BALTIMORE

Dr. Kelly exhibited maps of certain areas in Baltimore, showing how the influences of certain churches had spread out and wrought good where before there had been nothing but the chaos of crime and poverty. He said that a police chief had told him that the work of cleaning out the disorderly districts would be easy if the churches and the Christian people would get behind the movement and press the work. "And that," said Dr. Kelly, "is an awful indictment of the Christian churches. They say that you can have these resorts without graft, but I tell you that you cannot have them without graft. Don't tell me, because it is manifest, that graft will exist where you permit this evil. And there is nothing in the idea that segregation is a way to handle the evil. Segregation is out of date. The evil must be exterminated, and that is the only method to pursue."

After describing how Baltimore churches are relating themselves to civic problems and aiding in cleaning out the bad places, Dr. Kelly said that the Christian church could handle the question, and urged that ministers and laymen go themselves into the segregated district every night to win over some unfortunate and that they follow the cases in the Police Court and care for them until some reformation was effected.

TO TELL OF RED CROSS WORK

Major Robert Patterson, Commander of Relief Ship, to Speak Here.

Major Robert Patterson, U. S. A., who was in charge of the first Red Cross ship, the relief ship, will speak in the parish rooms of St. Paul's Church to-morrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Major Patterson will tell of the difficulties in getting the ship away, and of his experiences in meeting the Belgian refugees. He will be introduced by the rector, Rev. W. Russell Bowie, D. D.

Council Schedule.

The special committee on redaction, which met last night at 8 o'clock, when the details of a scheme made out by President R. Lee Peters and Building Inspector Butler will be submitted. The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday night at 8 o'clock on Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The committee on River, Dock and Harbor will meet, and the Committee on Ordinances will meet at 8 o'clock.

SPEAKS HERE TO-NIGHT



DR. HARVEY W. WILEY, formerly United States Government Pure Food Expert, who will deliver an address in the Jefferson Hotel Auditorium to-night.

CRIMES UNDREAMED OF IN DARKEST AFRICA

So Dr. Howard A. Kelly, of Baltimore, Pictures Slums of American Cities.

SPEAKS AT CENTRAL Y. M. C. A.

Predicts Dawn of Era of Reform and Birth of New America With Higher Ideals of Civic and Personal Health.

Heralding the dawn of an era of reform and predicting the birth of a "New America," Dr. Howard A. Kelly, of Baltimore, speaking yesterday afternoon to an audience of 500 men at the Young Men's Christian Association Building, urged his hearers to join in the crusade against immorality, and to hold the holding hand to the "downs" and "outs" in the slums of the great cities who never had a chance. Indifference on the part of those who can, but will not, help in the greatest crime of the day, he said.

Long before Dr. A. G. Brown, of Richmond had introduced the famous surgeon to the audience every seat in the auditorium was taken, and men were standing in the doorways. Dr. Kelly's subject was "Health—Civil and Personal." He made the point that the nation as a whole can be no stronger or better than its individual citizens, and said the greatest need of the day is for strong, vigorous and healthy men to take part in the task of purging and cleansing the country of vice and immorality.

HAVE FORGOTTEN MANY THINGS HELD SACRED

"We live in days when we have forgotten many of the greater things that were held sacred by the generations that have gone before us," said Dr. Kelly. "In modern times wonderful progress has been made in the realm of science, but everything cannot be tested in a crucible." The speaker pointed out that in the wild scramble for material gain and scientific development, many have forgotten love, grace, beauty, music and the spiritual things that really count.

Telling of a powerful epidemic of drunkenness, vice and crime, which he said is sweeping the great cities of the nation, the speaker asked the question, "Where does the fault lie?" Answering, he placed the blame at the doors of those in comfortable circumstances, who are utterly indifferent to the great needs of their less fortunate neighbors. To illustrate the unwholesome and vicious conditions existing in some of the greater cities Dr. Kelly exhibited several charts and drawings. Referring to particularly loathsome and atrocious crimes which have recently occurred in some of the larger cities, the speaker said: "We have crimes here undreamed of in the heart of darkest Africa. The Old America must go and the New America must come."

CIVIC HEALTH IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT POLITICAL HONESTY

That civic health is impossible without political honesty was one of the points upon which the famous surgeon placed especial emphasis. Policemen and municipal officers are servants of the people, he said, and the people should see that the laws are rigidly enforced. Unless this is done crime and immorality will increase and continue to abound, he said. Dr. Kelly contended that indifference is one of the most prevalent sins with Christians to-day. "No man is righteous who is indifferent to the sins around him," he said.

"God has a personal need for every one of us," said the speaker. "Every one has a place in God's plan. Every man has a sphere of activity, and a place which he alone can fill. In God's community every one has a position of inalienable value."

"New America wants strong Christians to go out into the world and work and worship for civic righteousness," he said.

Dr. Kelly is one of the most widely known of the delegates here to attend the eighth annual meeting of the Southern Medical Association, and will address the convention during its sessions.

Rotarians at School.

There will be some fun to-morrow night for the members of the Richmond Rotary Club. The meeting will be held at 6:30 o'clock in Massey's Business College, and every one is expected to bring a contribution in regulation schoolroom duds—with a remnant of candy or a piece of chicken. There will be a big time, and a large attendance is expected.

RHEUMATISM REMORSE OF GUILTY STOMACH

Epidemics the Remorse of Guilty Communities, Says Dr. Fred J. Mayer.

TAKES TEXT FROM EDITORIAL

If Individuals Practice Daily Cleanliness, Clean Streets and Markets Will Follow—Says Ancient People Had Better Ideas of Sanitation.

"Watch and be clean." "Let the individual observe the hygiene and sanitary laws concerning the care of the body if he is to become the Christian, judged by the dictates of his religion; for cleanliness is next to Godliness and fifth goes hand in hand with immorality."

"Let the individual have knowledge of the sanitary laws, and let him practice them in his daily life, and the results will become evident in the community in the form of clean market places, streets and residences and the abolition of open sewers."

Such was the text of the sermon delivered before the congregation of Calvary Baptist Church last night by Dr. Fred J. Mayer from a text found in the editorial columns of The Times-Dispatch. The address was taken, in full, to the congregation, and each person present was advised to read the paragraphs for himself and to inculcate its teachings in his daily life.

EMINENT SCIENTIST FAVORS SANITARY EDUCATION

Dr. Mayer, former president of the Louisiana Medical Society, former Health Officer of that State, lecturer on hygiene in the State of Mississippi, accredited representative of the Texas Board of Health in Europe and South America, and a member of the faculty of the medical faculty of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, before a large congregation in Park Place Methodist Church, where he spoke on "What Every One Should Know About Cancer." The address was one of the many made yesterday in local churches in connection with "Health Sunday."

Education is the best weapon, stated the noted surgeon, with which to fight the dread disease. If the public can be taught to know the symptoms, and to act quickly when warned, the huge death percentage from cancer could be reduced to a minimum. The place to start this instruction is at the beginning of the disease, when the discomfort is so slight that the patient does not seek advice.

"Fear the beginning and not the end of cancer," he said. "We should educate ourselves to fear the first approach of the disease, and not to wait until it is in the advanced stages. Fear at the first appearance of any suspicious sign will be of great value, and if this fear will induce patients to seek advice in the early stage, the chance of a cure is best, even up to 100 per cent."

PAIN IS LATE SYMPTOM IN EXTERNAL CANCER

"The first warnings of cancer do not differ from diseases that are not cancer. This is an unfortunate state of affairs. Pain is a late symptom in external cancer, and if one waits for pain, one often waits too long. Therefore, if the warnings do not differ with less dangerous diseases, we must be on our guard, and the people must be educated about these warnings, and taught to seek examination which will lead to a diagnosis."

"Cancer never begins in a healthy spot. In external cancer the warning is always something first to be seen with the eye, or felt with the finger. These first signs are warts, moles, little areas covered with a scab, or an unhealed wound, or may simply be a little lump beneath the skin."

"It is not for the patient to decide whether these visible and palpable abnormalities are to be let alone or not, but for the physician to determine." "Dr. Bloodgood told his audience that cancer was not a hereditary disease, nor was it one of the blood. The principle thing to do was to heed simple warnings, and to insist on an examination from the family physician."

"Examination first," he said. "When you consult a physician insist upon a thorough examination, and not on treatment. People object and fear an examination, but they must be educated out of this dread. Physicians who look at the tongue and feel the pulse are not much better than none at all in these cases, and the patient should have the benefit of the instruments designed by medical experts to fight diseases."

DEATH RATE FROM CANCER IS ENORMOUS

During the year 1913, Dr. Bloodgood stated, 75,000 recorded deaths resulted from cancer in this country alone, and many States keep no records. Men and women in the prime of life are stricken. Men with the responsibilities of family and mother with children. Any facts that would reduce this fatality, he said, were therefore important.

"If we educate the women they will take care of the men," he said. Woman's influence is greater than her vote because most of the great civic movements are started by her. The propaganda can easily be spread by her, and the subject of cancer can best be told to her by women physicians.

Dr. Bloodgood prefaced his address with a general discussion of health measures and dealt particularly with preventative measures of both State and individual. His principal talk, however, was on cancer, and he had an interested audience.

Program To-Day and To-Morrow

Public Sessions, Auditorium Jefferson Hotel.

Monday, at 8:30 P. M.—Chairman's address, "The Public Health," by Governor Cunningham, Birmingham, Ala.

Address, "The Wealth of Health," Harvey W. Wiley, Washington, D. C. Tuesday, at 10 A. M.—Call to order by chairman of committee on arrangements, McGuire Newton.

Address of welcome in behalf of State of Virginia, J. Taylor Ellison, Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia.

Address of welcome in behalf of city of Richmond, George Anable, Mayor of Richmond.

Address of welcome in behalf of the medical profession of Richmond and Virginia, Joseph A. White.

Response to addresses of welcome in behalf of the Southern Medical Association, Frank A. Jones, Memphis, Tenn.

Report of committee on arrangements.

President's address, "The Profit and Loss Account of Modern Medicine," Stuart McGuire, Richmond.

Orations on Medicine, "The Importance of Simpler Methods of Physical Examination in Medicine," W. S. Thayer, Baltimore, Md.

Orations on Surgery, "Surgical Comments—Chiefly Personal," John A. Weyel, New York.

Report of councilors.

Report of secretary-treasurer.

Address, "The Family Physician: A Tribute to the Old Type That Is Passing," Cary T. Grayson, Surgeon United States Navy, Washington, D. C.

Address, "Radio-Therapy" (light phenomena and intra-arterial), Howard A. Kelly, Baltimore, Md.

Case of scopalamine, which is regarded as too dangerous, has been discontinued. As to the other part of the treatment, it has not been tried in the South, and there is no familiarity with it here.

The convention will end on Thursday morning.

day morning, when officers will be elected and a city selected for the next convention. The officers are elected upon nomination by the body of councilors, and the various positions are open to all members of the body, there being no procedure of promotion. Invitations for the next convention have already been received from Dallas, Texas; Chattanooga, Tenn.; New Orleans, La.; Little Rock, Ark.; Charleston, S. C.; and Baltimore, Md.

RICHMOND ACADEMY

TENDERS RECEPTION TO-NIGHT

The entertainment features will begin to-night, when, after the public session, a smoker will be tendered the visitors by the Richmond Academy of Medicine in the Jefferson Hotel.

To-morrow night at 9 o'clock Dr. Stuart McGuire, president of the association, will hold a reception for the association members and guests at the Commonwealth Club. A reception by the Richmond Academy of Medicine will be held at the Jefferson Hotel on Wednesday night at 8:30 o'clock.

Special entertainments have been provided for the women, including a reception, luncheon, theatre party and automobile rides.

Clinics, to be held on Friday and Saturday, have been arranged by Richmond physicians, surgeons and ophthalmologists.

Special meetings will be as follows: Second annual session of the Association of Southern Medical Women, in the ladies' parlor of the Jefferson Hotel, to-morrow afternoon at 5:30 o'clock; to-morrow at 6 o'clock, alumni reunions; Wednesday at 6 o'clock, alumni dinners; Wednesday at 8 o'clock, conference of presidents and officers of the medical associations of the Southern States, J. S. Gilman, Natchez, Miss., president of the Mississippi Medical Association, chairman.

Charles Turner Arrested.

Charles Turner, eighteen years of age, was yesterday afternoon arrested by Patrolman Hooker, charged with trespassing on the premises of J. W. Tredway, with the intention of committing larceny.

IGNORANCE IS CHIEF CAUSE OF ILLNESS

Nothing So Free and Accessible as Knowledge, Says Dr. J. A. Stucky at Church of Covenant.

"The chief causes of sickness, deafness and blindness," said Dr. J. A. Stucky, of Lexington, Ky., a member of the Southern Medical Association, in the Church of the Covenant last night, "is ignorance, and there is nothing so free and accessible as knowledge. For the dissemination of knowledge we have health boards, health officers, school teachers, preachers and newspapers."

"We live in an age of reason, not of mystery and sentiment. But the fear of heredity causes many diseases, though we inherit amazingly little that we cannot overcome. Disease enters the body in one of three ways: by breathing, by swallowing, or through broken surfaces," Dr. Stucky said that the greatest single problem confronting the medical profession to-day is the food problem—what to eat and drink, when to eat and drink, and how to eat and drink. The least frequent cause of disease, he said, was from injury to the body.

"When we cease to lower the body resistance," he said, "by being food drunkards, as well as being alcoholic imbibers; when we cease to be slaves to custom, condition and ceremony; when we obey nature's laws, eat and drink as we should; rest and sleep as we would; know, honor and respect self as we should, then will we be a long-lived, strong, healthy and happy people. Ignorance begets disease, and remember that the death of a child is an economical waste."

Fire at Crisfield, Md.

CRISFIELD, MD., November 8.—Fire of unknown origin to-night destroyed property on the water front valued at \$100,000.

Why is a New Franchise Suggested Now?

The Virginia Railway and Power Company now owns franchises in Richmond, the principal of which expire in about fifteen years. It owns various rights in the streets, especially in the new territory, which are perpetual, and rights of way in fee simple which should be parts of streets. It is proposing that the period of the existing franchises be extended about fifteen years, and that the perpetual and fee simple rights be surrendered, thus limiting all rights to the use of the streets to thirty years.

This proposition is made by the company, but the necessity for some such adjustment of the situation has been recognized, and even suggested, by some of the authorities of the city having to deal with this subject. The reasons are obvious, and only a few need be stated:

It is desirable to the city and the public at this time:

- Because by the extension of the city limits much additional trackage is brought in, subject to varying and even conflicting franchise rights, which are a great embarrassment to municipal administration;
- Because these conflicting franchise provisions render difficult proper municipal control of construction, maintenance and service;
- Because perpetual rights should not exist in the streets and highways of a city;
- Because the public has long desired that existing toll viaducts should be made free, which cannot be done under corporate control;
- Because existing trackage and lines built up through competitive systems are not adapted to traffic conditions in the city, and a rearrangement of trackage is essential for good and convenient public service and to avoid unnecessary obstruction to and disturbance of streets;
- Because the Forest Hill Park, being a part of the annexed territory, should be controlled by the city and a part of its system of parks;
- Because it is important for the city's interests that all franchises should expire on one date;
- Because what the city and the public want is good service, and, while exercising proper control over public service, any step which would induce the investment of capital in such service on the most reasonable terms and enable the company to render the service in the best way, is to the advantage both of the city and the public.

It is desirable to the company at this time:

- Because it is to the interest of the company that its franchise rights in the entire territory should be definite and clear to avoid conflict with the city and embarrassment in operation;
- Because the conflicting provisions of existing franchises are no longer applicable to traffic conditions. Many of the provisions of existing franchises are obstacles to the service and no benefit to the public;
- Because a rearrangement of trackage is necessary to adapt the service to present needs, and especially if the Richmond and Henrico lines are to be continued, since, as separate lines, they have never earned operating expenses;
- Because it is necessary to have franchises running for a reasonable period of time in order to secure capital for the improvement and development of the properties. The experience, not of Richmond, but elsewhere, has demonstrated that where the community waits until the expiration of the franchise to deal with this subject, it necessarily results in the running down of the property and depreciated service.
- Because present financial and commercial conditions are such that capital can only be secured for those public service enterprises which present favorable conditions for investment where the rights are definite and clear.
- Because the company desires to place its relations with the city on a clear and definite basis, to the end that it may devote its capital and attention to the development of an efficient service, free from controversies and difficulties which must arise out of existing conditions.

The company has not suggested granting any right that is not in its present franchises. It is not asking a monopoly, and the city has no constitutional power to grant one. It is only suggesting that the whole matter of public service in Richmond be placed on a sound business basis, under a clearly defined contract, in the interests of the city, the public and the capital invested in the enterprise. Nothing else is suggested nor desired.

Virginia Railway & Power Co.

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